Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

News and Information from the
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Charitable Gifting—Leaving A Legacy

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How can rostered leaders encourage individuals to consider leaving a legacy to the church? A workshop will be held in the Seattle area to give rostered leaders tools to enhance ministry and gifting in their congregation.

Charitable Gifting—Leaving a Legacy workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, on the Skansonia Ferryboat, 205 NE Northlake Way, Seattle (Lake Union). The workshop will give you an opportunity to hear how other congregations have developed endowment funds and how the funds have improved their ministries, as well as available resources.

Some of the presenters include: Bishop Chris Boerger; Larry Johnson, Associate in Ministry; Pastor Kemp Segerhammer, Gethsemane in Seattle; Pastor Jack Richards, Prince of Peace in Everett; and Margie Fiedler, MIF.

The workshop is sponsored by the Synod's Charitable Gifting Initiative Grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The event is free and lunch will be provided. Learn more by visiting www.lutheransnw.org and click on calendar.

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2008 Synod Assembly

The 2008 Northwest Washington Synod will be held on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, at the Everett Events Center in Everett. Carla Berg (who chaired the 2007 Assembly and is a member of Sammamish Hills Lutheran in Sammamish) and Millie Fosberg (Christ the King in Snohomish) are co-chairing the event and committees are being formed. Check the synod website often because due dates, forms and other important information will be added as they are made available (www.lutheransnw.org/assembly/2008).

Book of Faith

At the 2007 Churchwide Assembly voting members committed to a five-year initiative of "broader and deeper engagement with Scripture." This initiative invites the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word. For more information visit www.elca.org/bookoffaith .

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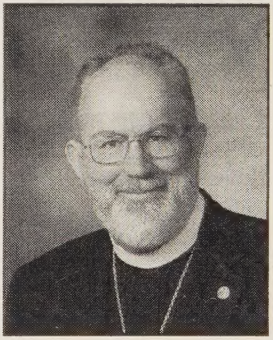
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Wm Chris Boerger

"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:16-18 NRSV

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day period of fasting and self-examination in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Like most times of self-denial and self-criticism our culture lives with a desire to avoid such *negativity* and put on a happy face. For many in the church this is a time to be endured so that we can get to the happy times.

As Lutherans, we bring a sense of realism to the walk of faith. Theologically we know that the cross is there because of our sin and the pain that is real in our world. We do not have a feel good God. We have a God who suffers with us and for us. We are a people who can honestly look at our lives and know that God is able to receive us.

Dr. Robert Bertram taught me in seminary that we can only see how deadly our sin is when we know how good our salvation is. We know that we have been given new life through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Thus, we can face the aspects of our lives that need to change. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that this change can be attempted and accomplished. Even this repentance is God's work in us.

I appreciate Lent. It is a time for me to add some additional reading and study into my life. Each year I re-read the *Book of Concord* and one volume of Luther's works. This year I will be reading Bonhoeffer's *Discipleship* along with the *Book of Concord*. There is much busyness associated with Lent for leaders in congregations. Much of the fasting gets lost in the preparation for so many services. But Lent is about our relationship with God. It is a time to return to the Lord and receive the graciousness and mercy that comes to the children of God.

State Advocate's Corner

by David Coombs, Intern

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As January turns to February, we find ourselves in the middle of the 2008 legislative session. For faithful advocates in Washington State, this is the time of year where our voices are most needed to remind our representatives of the importance of fighting for justice in our broken world. There are fewer citizens than we might think who contact their legislators and although contacting your representative can seem intimidating, it is a legislator's job to listen to their constituents and they are happy to hear from you. And contacting your representative is as easy as sending a brief email or leaving a phone message. Just follow these steps:

1) Find who your legislators are. Visit www.leg.wa.gov and clink on the "Find your District Link." This is also where to find their contact information.
2) Become familiar with an issue that concerns you. These can be LPPO's legislative priorities, or any issue that you are passionate about. Priorities for LPPO include greater access to free school meals and legislation addressing issues housing, hunger, and health care. Visit www.lppowa.org to see the priorities and to sign up for weekly alerts during the session to keep you up to date on the status of bills supported by LPPO.
3) Contact your legislators. Call and leave a message for all three of your representatives and the governor at 1-800-562-6000. Send an email to any legislator using the form, lastname.firstname@leg.wa.gov.
4) And don't forget to pray for your elected representatives and all those working hard during the legislative session.

Save the date for LPPO's 5th annual fundraising dinner and auction from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, at University Christian Church (4731 15th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98105).

Fifth Annual Advocacy Day

At the State Capitol in Olympia People of faith and their friends will be making their voices heard at our state capital on Tuesday, Jan. 29. (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. and the day ends at 3 p.m.). Activities in the morning include worship, briefings and workshops at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (1601 North Street SE, Olympia). The day then continues in the afternoon at the State Capitol and will feature speeches and individual meetings with legislators. A $15 registration fee includes advocacy toolkit and lunch. Please contact David Coombs at the Lutheran Public Policy Office for more information or to register. (advocacyday@gmail. com or 206-464-4133), or register online at www.lppowa.org.

Gifts of Love

23 Countries Covered and Comforted

Lutheran World Relief has issued its year-end shipping report outlining shipments totaling nearly 1,500 tons of handmade quilts, school kits, health kits, sewing kits, layettes and bars of new soap. The annual distributions are valued at more than $14 million for 2007.

Included in the shipments were 452,870 quilts sewn and tied by thousands of Lutheran quilters throughout the United States, the most quilts distributed in one year since 1999.

"Over and over again we hear from our partner organizations and the recipients of the quilts and kits how much they appreciate these gifts of love, and the generosity of U.S. Lutherans," said Brenda Meier, director for parish & community engagement at LWR. "Any type of blanket could warm a person's body," she added, "but a handmade quilt also warms the soul and encourages the spirit."

The complete 2007 quilts and kits shipping report is available to download online at www.lwr.org/parish or by calling the Lutheran World Relief Resource Center at 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. Also available from the Resource Center is "Ordinary to Extraordinary," a 12-minute video chronicling the distribution of a shipment of quilts, kits, layettes and soap distributed throughout Mali, West Africa.

Preparing For A Disaster

For more information on either the grant or the guide visit www.ldr.org/prepare/

It is nearly impossible to predict when or where a disaster is going to take place. It is possible, however, for communities to prepare for what may happen. Disaster preparedness readies us for the unexpected, and it allows for a more organized, timely, and efficient response when disaster strikes.

Preparedness Grant—Lutheran Disaster Response has a long history of dedicated and creative ministry on behalf of those affected by natural and human-caused disasters. The mission of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is to demonstrate Christ's compassion for people by promoting hope, healing, and wholeness for disaster survivors.

The LDR disaster preparedness grant helps in building capacity and competency across the Lutheran Disaster Response network. The grant cycle runs from February 1 to December 1st each year.

Preparing for Disaster: A Guide for Lutheran Congregations—LDR helps congregations be effective and important participants in their communities' recovery from disaster.

A time of crisis is often the best time for Christians to demonstrate the reality of God's healing grace through caring and sharing. The guide is provided to assist congregations prepare for disaster

Science and Faith: Friends or Foe

Join others at the Silverdale Lutheran Church for their Lay School of Theology event on March 8 and 9 called "*Science and Faith: Friends or Foe*". The event features Dr. Ted Peters from Pacific Lutheran Theological School.

- **Saturday, March 8, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.—*Is Science Atheistic?*** A new breed of aggressive atheists argue that religion is irrational, immoral, and violent. How should we think about divine action in nature's world? How should Christians respond to the challenge of atheism?
- **Sunday, March 9 , from 3:30 to 5 p.m.—*The Controversy over Evolution: Who's Fighting with Whom About What?*** No scientific theory has generated more controversy and more anger than Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. What are the central issues? Why does this branch of science create difficulties with faith when virtually no other science does? (5 to 6 p.m.—Dinner)
  - **6-7:30 p.m.—*The Controversy over Stem Cells: Who's Fighting with Whom About What?*** Nearly a decade ago scientists first isolated human embryonic stem cells, hoping to derive new therapies for heart disease, diabetes, Parkinsons', spinal injury, and even cancer. The potential for stem cell therapy to improve human health and well being is promising. Yet, many religious leaders want to put a stop to this kind of research. Why? Who is Fighting with Whom about What? Just what is stem cell science and how should Christians think about it?

For more information contact Rev. Bill Crabtree, pastor at Silverdale Lutheran, at 360-692-9263 or email at gesstree@gmail.com.

Wholistic Wellness Workshop

Caring for Your Body, Mind and Spirit

Take charge of your health in 2008. Meet members of the Complementary Medical Community and learn tips for stress reduction, pain management, relaxation, weight management, improvement of well-being and much more.

This wholistic wellness workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Elim Lutheran Church of Port Orchard (Manchester WA; 360-871-0602; www.elimlutheranpo.net).

The schedule includes a keynote address on *The Spirituality of Medicine* by John Walck, MD; a class in seated yoga (for all ages and fitness levels); a healthy lunch (included in registration); and a panel discussion on *Wholistic Health In Our Practices*. (Panel includes a chiropractor, an ELCA pastor, an acupuncturist and a mental health counselor.) Cost is $25. More information can be found, including a registration form, at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Calendar.

Step Out For Financial and Overall Well Being

A Workshop For Women

Women play all sorts of roles in life: spouse, parent, caregiver, planner, professional etc. Come spend the day to learn how to prepare for those roles and how to pamper all of them.

The financial event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, Prince of Peace Lutheran in Shoreline (14514 20th Ave NE). Margie Fiedler, ELCA Foundation, will speak about *Your Financial Life and Goals*. You will come away with a new appreciation of your value, worth and blessings. (Continental Breakfast with displays and Fair Trade Craft Sale; Lunch with Vintage Fashion of Yesteryear; and Displays and giveaways throughout the day.)

This event is sponsored by the Northwest Washington Synod and offered at no cost to you as part of a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Supporting Those In Need

The congregations of Cross and Crown, Kent, Lakeridge, Lord of Life and Nativity Lutheran churches, all located in Renton, invite you to observe Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper at Cross and Crown.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with guests from New Orleans at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, 10941 SE 168th Street, Renton.

Our special guests are Pastor Bruce, Deborah and Tamachia Davenport from St. John #5 Faith Church in the 7th Ward of New Orleans. We will have a worship gathering at 7 p.m. and Pastor Bruce will be the featured speaker. Come by and hear powerful witness to what the Lord has been doing in their neighborhood before, during and since the hurricanes. Find more information about St. John #5 Faith Church, and about the Davenports' schedule while in Seattle, at www.friendsofstjohn5faith.com.

Raising Money For the Hungry

On Sunday, Feb. 3, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Youth throughout our synod will be demonstrating God's love by loving their neighbors through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. At the time of publication the Souper Bowl website said that 15,334 groups had registered to participate in 2008 and that $8,159,130 had been raised in 2007. For more information, visit www.souperbowl.org,

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

We continue to hold in our prayers:

† **The Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita**

† **Paula Ingebritson, wife of Pastor Joel Ingebritson, Bethlehem Lutheran in Seattle**

† **Arlett Nordsletten, widow of Pastor Olin Nordsletten**

† **The Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**

† **The Rev. Roger Patrow (ret.)**

† **Linda Petrasek, wife of the Rev. Phil Petrasek, pastor at Christ Lutheran in Ferndale**

† **The Rev. Paul Wuest**

We pray for:

† **The Rev. Peter Tengesdal (ret.)** died November 21 at the age of 86 with all of his family with him. His memorial service was held on Sunday at First Lutheran, Poulsbo where he had served as Senior Pastor for almost 20 years before he retired. After his retirement, he served as Visitation Pastor at Emmanuel, Tacoma and at First, Poulsbo. Pastor Tengesdal also served at Ballard First, Seattle during the 1960's He is survived by his wife, Melba Tengesdal, 2 sons, a daughter and 5 grandchildren. Cards may be sent to: Melba Tengesdal , Montclair Park, 1250 Lincoln Rd NE #327, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Peace to his memory.

† **The Rev. Carl Gabrielson,** pastor at Our Saviour's in Arlington, and his family. Carl's mother died on December 25. A memorial service was held at Our Saviour's in Arlington. Cards may be sent to: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, PO Box 396, Arlington WA 98223-0396

† **Phyllis Anderson, widow of the Rev. Olaf Anderson,** died on January 3. A memorial service was held on Jan 12 at Phinney Ridge in Seattle where The Rev. Anderson was a pastor during his ministry.

† **Isabel Watness, widow of the Rev. Luther Watness,** died peacefully at ManorCare in Tacoma on January 3. The family learned that her brother, Duff (Arnold) Harstad, also died earlier that day. A funeral was held on January 12 Trinity in Tacoma.

† **The father-inlaw of Alyce Bakker,** ELCA Region 1 Financial Services Office, died on December 18 after suffering from Alzheimer's and a stroke right after Thanksgiving. Cards may be sent to: Alyce Bakker, Region One, ELCA, 766 John Street Suite B, Seattle WA 98109

† **The Rev. Randy Grauer,** pastor at Christ the Servant in Bellingham, had surgery on December 14. He is continuing to heal. Cards may be sent to: Randy Grauer, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2600 Lakeway Dr, Bellingham, WA 98226-2324.

† **The Rev. Larry Thomas,** pastor at Our Savior in Issaquah, had an

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Implications of Resolution (if adopted):

1. What is the financial impact of this resolution on the synod budget? If expenditures are required, what are the sources of income anticipated to accomplish the purpose of the resolution?
2. What are the personnel implications within our synod (or churchwide)? Who will be responsible for implementation of the resolution?
3. How does this resolution enhance and forward the mission of the church and our synod?

Submitted by (required):

Signature

Representing (Name of Congregation) City

Name (print)

Email address

Phone

Resolution Submission Form
2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly

Use this form/format for submitting resolutions to be considered at the 2008 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly. Use the back of this sheet, or attach a separate sheet, for any explanation or rationale you would like to include.

The Reference & Council Committee will review and evaluate all resolutions in accordance with the Standing Rules.

Please submit resolutions to the Synod Office by mail, fax, or email, using the information to the right:

Deadline: To be determined at January Synod Council Meeting

Resolutions received after the announced date may be considered only if determined by the Synod Council or by the Reference & Counsel Committee to be either of overriding importance or germane to the issues of the Synod Assembly agenda, as provided in the Standing Rules, provided they are received no later than ***noon on Friday, May 16, 2008****.*

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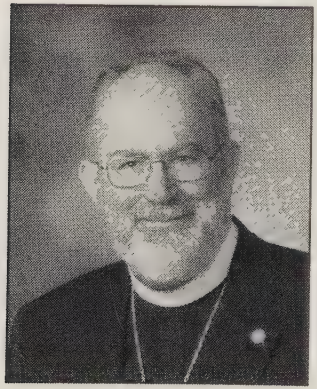
Partners In Emergency Planning

by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



The recent storm that did so much damage in Southwestern Washington is another wake up call to us. Congregations and individuals in this synod have been very generous with money and the offers to volunteer time to help our sisters and brothers recover from the winds and floods. I expect that there will be rebuilding efforts going on well into the fall and perhaps beyond. We will pass on requests to you as they come from the Southwestern Washington Synod and from Lutheran Disaster response.

I want to raise up our own preparedness for disasters in this synod. It is clear that congregations are potential responders to this type of need. Does your congregation have a disaster plan? Who, in addition to the pastor, should the synod or Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) contact in the event of a disaster in your community? Have you contacted your local emergency management leaders to identify what role your congregation and its facilities might play in response to the next earthquake, flood, wind storm or whatever the disaster might be?

I have participated in meetings with the state emergency planning people. They are eager to work with congregations with whom local officials might partner in planning for how we will respond. It is now time to take the next step.

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Lutheran Disaster Relief

congregations be effective and important participants in their communities' recovery from disaster. The guide asks questions such as: Is you facility ready? What can your congregation do to prepare to care for members and others in your community in response to disaster?

Editor's Note: or more information on either the grant or the guide visit www.ldr.org/prepare/

December Floods, Winds Bring Major Damage

By Rachel Pritchett, Communications, Southwestern Washington Synod

December's mighty winds and floodwaters have subsided, revealing unprecedented damage to some Southwestern Washington Synod churches, but also prompting a widespread outpouring of God-driven help.

Among the hardest hit was Saron Lutheran Church in downtown Hoquiam, where wind toppled the steeple tower into M Street. It brought down power lines, stopped traffic and left a giant hole in the church structure. "It's just incredible, the size of the piece that was pulled," said the Rev. Linda Milks.

Nearby, members of Ocean Park Lutheran Church survived 100-plus mph winds. But vital services including all communications were shut down, leaving many isolated, cold and hungry for a week.

Ocean Park members soon got a propane-

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of hard-hit Rochester was spared damage, but members immediately began making soups, sandwiches and "tons of coffee" for Red Cross volunteers and National Guard personnel responding to emergencies in the nearby Hwy12 areas of Rochester, Independence and Oakville.

If you wish to make a donation please contact the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response at 800-638-3522; or visit www.elca.org/disaster/giving. Designate the gift to Southwestern Washington Synod storm damage.

And in Centralia, Immanuel Lutheran Church, which was perilously close to an area of heavy flooding but was spared, hosted an open lunch and overnight stays for five families who no longer could stay in their homes.

The December winds and floods demonstrated that in a time of crisis we can show the reality of God's healing grace through caring and sharing.

community coming together."

Mud and water from a collapsing hillside destroyed a carport and much of a home of a retired couple belonging to Faith Lutheran Church of Shelton. Ten feet of mud sloughed into the carport and a foot of mud and water filled the couple's home, off Highway 101 north of Hoodsport, according to the Rev. Mark Griffith, Faith associate pastor. A team of Faith members arrived as soon as the hillside stabilized then started the filthy and exhausting work of digging out.

After Hurricane Katrina the congregation of Faith had helped the hurricane victims.The tables were turned in December, when people from the Gulf Coast whom Faith had helped contacted them and offered help. This was "almost exactly the same thing," said Griffith.

of synod congregations and organizations. Congregations are encouraged to copy ***The Spirit*** and include it in their own newsletters. ***The Spirit*** can be downloaded from the Synod website.

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Information for the March 2008 issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by Wednesday, Feb. 6.

I am now asking that we identify contact people related to local disaster preparedness. We will share this information with the cluster deans and with the Lutheran Disaster Response planners. We will use this information in the synod office to put together our assessment contact list. The story of Joseph in Egypt preparing for the famine years during the years of plenty is a scriptural example of how God's people might be prepared. I have had no vision of impending disaster, but I do want to ask us to be prepared. If this is something you could do for your congregation or cluster, please let us know.

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Preparing for Disaster: A Guide for Lutheran Congregations—LDR helps

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Within Our Family

angiogram in mid-December. Cards may be sent to: The Rev. Larry Thomas, 170 Fifth Ave NE, Issaquah WA 98027.

† **The Rev. Phil Petrasek,** pastor at Christ in Ferndale, had emergency surgery on December 19. Cards may be sent to: Pastor Phil Petrasek, Christ Lutheran Church, PO Box 845, Ferndale WA 98248-0845.

† **The Rev. Malcolm Unseth (ret.)** was diagnosed with lung cancer in mid-December. Cards may be sent to: The Rev. Malcolm Unseth, 3221 NW 65th, Seattle WA 98117.

† **Rachel Schoeld, wife of the Rev. Jim Schoeld (ret.)**has been in the hospital with severe pneumonia. Cards may be sent to: Jim and Rachel Schoeld, 19516 – 12th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98155

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

† On December 31, 2007, Pastor Erik, Chris, and Kai (3) Kindem welcomed a new daughter and sister, Naomi Suzanne, into the world. **(Rev. Erik Kindem is Pastor at Peace in Seattle.)**The Kindems ask for your prayers of thanksgiving.

† **The Rev Shannon Anderson**, pastor at Central in Seattle, and the Rev Mitch Watney from the Oregon Synod, have announced their engagement to be married. The wedding will take place in the summer of 2008. Please hold them in prayer as they make plans for their life together. Cards may be sent to: Central Lutheran Church, 1710 – 11th Ave, Seattle WA 98122-2420

News and Notes

■ On Friday, Jan. 4, **Compass Center** clients and staff, as well as many community members, gathered to honor and uplift over 100 individuals who died on the streets or as a result of being homeless in 2007. The Service of Remembrance is an annual event and, for some, it is the only service they will have. It is very powerful to see the lights of over 100 candles and realize that the brilliance represents darkness and loss for so many.

■ **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)** has announced that the deadline for ordering 2008 Palm Sunday Eco-Palms is Wednesday, Feb. 20. Order forms and prices are available at www.lwr.org/palms or by calling 612-624-7418. The goal this year is to distribute one million palms to Christian congregations in the U.S. Last year more than 360,000 palms were sold to over 1,400 congregations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and a military base in Japan. More than 60% of those palms were used by Lutheran congregations.

Update

Board of Pensions

- If your pastor or lay employee has received a salary change effective Jan. 1, please report the change to us by Feb. 29—https://www.elcabop.org/BenefitsAdmin/Employment_benefit_change/Salary_contribution_change.aspx
- Remind your employees to complete the Health Risk Assessment Please remind your employees (and their eligible spouses) to complete the Health Risk Assessment on the Embody Health web portal. Doing so will earn them $100 in their personal wellness account—https://www.elcabop.org/
- Questions about administering the FSA? Employer responsibilities in administering flexible spending accounts aren't complex, but if you have questions about what's involved, listen to the FSA for employers webinar (online seminar) recorded in December. You can also read the Q&As from that session— https://www.elcabop.org/News_events/Webinars.aspx

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Kari H. Reiten	Faith, Everett	1/2/2008
Kathleen McCallum Sachse	Holy Spirit, Kirkland	1/1/2008
Carl W. Schwinck	Freeborn, Stanwood	12/1/2008
Bill Walles	Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley	12/1/2007
Installations		
Ryan D Fletcher	Our Savior, Issaquah	12/2/2007
Eileen Hanson	Trinity, Lynnwood	12/2/2007
Kari H. Reiten	Faith, Everett	1/27/2008
Bill Walles	Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley	12/16/2007
Tammie Zarfos	Holy Spirit, Kirkland	12/9/2007
Occasions/Events		
Gloria Dei, Adlerwood Manor	40th Anniversary	12/10/2007
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Kari Reiten	Gift of Grace, Seattle	1/20/2008
Resignation		
Richard Grinstad	Burlington, Burlington	1/13/2008
Tom Hamren	Light of the Cross, Bothell	1/31/2008
Transfers In/Out of the Synod		
Richard Grinstad	To Southwestern Washington Synod	1/13/2008

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

Transitions can be found on page 9

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Bothell, First Evangelical	PR	TR	Doug Stensby, Interim
Bothell, Light of the Cross	PR	NV	Interim Pending
Burlington, Burlington	PR	NV	Michael Swain, Interim
Edmonds, Edmonds	A	NV	Michael Ross, Pastor
Everett, Trinity	PR	P	Chris Anderson, Interim
Everett, Zion	PR	TR	Stuart Lundahl, Interim
Marysville, Bethlehem	PR	I	Neil Snider, Interim
Mercer Island, Holy Trinity	PR	TR	Kathleen Anderson, Interim
Oak Harbor, Oak Harbor	A/SP	NV	Jerry Buss, Pastor
Seatac, Prince of Peace	A	NV	Conrad Tollefson, Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Supply
Seattle, Crown	PR	TR	Dan Selmann, Interim
Seattle, Luther Memorial	PR	TR	Karen Hanson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Supply

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

Gloria Dei Endowment Fund

The Gloria Dei Endowment Fund Committee welcomes applications for grants. An application form which includes grant guidelines is available for download on the synod's website: www.lutheransnw.org.

Grant applications should be submitted to the Fund's chair, Pastor Beverly Piro at Phinney Ridge Lutheran, 7500 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103. For more information contact Pastor Piro at 206-783-2350 or bpiro@prlc.org.

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